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SUBJECT: BERLIN FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NON-FOUR POWER
AIRCRAFT

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1. IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USCAA SHOULD TABLE IBM
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE OF FLIGHT BY DANISH REGISTERED AIR-
CRAFT FROM COPENHAGEN TO TEMPLEHOF (REFTEL) AND SEEK AL-
LIED CAA CONCURRENCE.

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2. WE WOULD EXPECT IBM FLIGHT WOULD BE HANDLED IN AC-

CORDANCE WITH CONTINGENCY PLANS DEVELOPED FOR AUA AND SAS OVERFLIGHTS OVER GDR TO WEST BERLIN AND THAT IBM PILOT WOULD BE GIVEN DETAILED BRIEFING FOR HAND-OFF PROCEDURES AT EDGE OF BCZ SIMILAR TO THOSE WE UNDERSTAND WERE GIVEN TO SAS AND AUA.

3. IF IBM HAS NOT ALREADY SOUGHT TO NOTIFY SOVIETS OF PROPOSED FLIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN AERONAUTIC INFORMATION FOR PILOTS (AIP) FOR GERMANY, WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD DO SO. OUR OWN THOUGHT IS THAT BEST POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD BE SOVIET BASIC CONTINGENT IN BERLIN.

4. COMMENT. WE ARE SURPRISED THAT GDR HAS APPROVED IBM REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN AND ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN ALL DETAILS OF THIS POTENTIALLY PRECEDENT SETTING FLIGHT. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE, PRIMARILY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, ANY DETAILS WHICH EMBASSY AND USBER CAN SUPPLY INCLUDING TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, NATIONALITY OF PILOT, PURPOSE OF FLIGHT AND DETAILS OF GDR RESPONSE TO IBM REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS. INGERSOLL

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